

SENATOR DWORAK: But the Legislature has sent their members have they not, Senator Koch?

SENATOR KOCH: They have sent their legislative members, that's correct.

SENATOR DWORAK: The Governor has the prerogative as to whether he wants to use some of his budget to send the representative of the Executive. Right?

SENATOR KOCH: I assume that is correct. You'll have to ask the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee because he works more closely with that than I do.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you Senator Koch. I think that we've already got the framework structured to take care of these people that are supposed to attend these meetings. I think these meetings are worthwhile and should be attended. I think it is the decision of the Executive as to whether he feels it important enough to send his representative, and if he doesn't well I think that is his decision. I don't think it's a decision of this Legislature to increase the budget to take care of Executive prerogative.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Koch, would you like to close in reply.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. As I've indicated before, the ECS has not necessarily been a popular subject as far as the Executive was concerned of the State of Nebraska. I'm not criticising him for his point of view, but I do believe that when the Legislature passes a law, such as we did when we entered into the COMPACT in the 1960's, that we have an obligation to send those individuals who have been selected from this body, as well as those who have been appointed by the Governor, and he has two appointments. I believe that they are to be effective, viable members of the Commission, representing the State of Nebraska. They are then entitled to state funds for this purpose. That is the reason I'm making this request. I do not think it is unreasonable. The Legislature presently pays our dues. There have been issues over this. I think we have an obligation also when we find someone who is being somewhat unfairly treated in terms of expenses for those bonafied meetings conducted by ECS, that we as a body should allow that opportunity if that individual so desires to attend. I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You've heard the question. Would the Clerk read the amendment. Vince. If you've got time, would you read the amendment.

CLERK: It increases it \$1,000.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Alright. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Voting aye.

CLERK: Frank Lewis voting aye.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 14 nays.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Motion lost. Next amendment.